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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
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 Group Art Unit 3738
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
 (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/121,300
 filed on JULY 23, 1998 entitled GEL AND CUSHIONING DEVICES

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
 2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
 3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53 (d)(4)
 a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
 b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
 4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
 5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 a. ☐ PTO-1449
 b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS		+ \$260 =	\$0.00
				BASIC FEE	\$690.00
				TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS	\$924.00
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity			\$-462.00
				TOTAL	\$462.00

6. Small Entity Status:

a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
 b. ☒ A small entity statement was filed in prior Application Serial No. 08/611,306, filed March 5, 1996, and such status is still proper and desired.
 c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0030.
☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time in the parent case. Any fees required for such an extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030.

8. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$1,387.00** is enclosed.

9. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time

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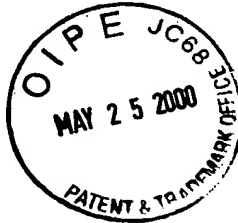
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows.

WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUS ELECTION

Applicants hereby withdraw any election, for example any election by original presentation, of subject matter pursued previously. New claims are presented below for consideration on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 21-68.

Please add new Claims 69-74 as follows.

--69. A cushion liner having a contoured inner surface providing variable thickness cushioning material at portions of the liner intended to provide particular selective cushioning to the user.